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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms generally steady. Moderate trading for prompt and for open priced hens and toms. Supplies adequate for trade needs. Demand remains mixed and ranges from light to good with most interest for deferred arrivals. Bulk parts and meats trading generally slow, however moderately heavy trading of 4-8 lb. breast reported. Offerings limited and held with confidence.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to moderate and improving. Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums and tom 2-joint wings, balance of items slow.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 22, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60.5-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-	72.00	800	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	82.00	1040	OCT-NOV	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	63	63.00	10	72.00	800	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	82.00	1400	OCT-NOV	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	60.5-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	61.5-64	63.94	820	-	-	-	96	APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	APR
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.25**	61.23	67.00
CENTRAL REGION	63.94	62.00	66.00
WESTERN REGION	61.70**	61.50**	65.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00**	59.67	61.80**
CENTRAL REGION	63.00	59.99	61.14
WESTERN REGION	60.20**	60.20**	61.80**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 26-MAR-2001

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	68.66	291	66.84	79
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	68.66	291	66.84	79
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

FEBRUARY	456,272*
MARCH 1-17, 2001	242,884*
To date 2001	1,090,797*
To date 2000	1,054,930*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>				<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	820	-4	22.65	(A)	825 22.65
S ATL	870	-2	27.05	(A)	875 27.05
N CENT	2,098	2	30.00	(A)	2,104 30.00
S CENT	637	1	22.03	(A)	642 22.03
WEST	347	12	23.46	(A)	352 23.46
U.S.TOTAL	4,772(B)	1	26.66	26	4,798 26.66
TO DATE					
2001	50,525(B)			185	50,710
TO DATE					
2000	49,240(B)			399	49,639

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000 for the year 416,000; last year to date 73,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	2,110	2,611	51	26	4,798
AVG WT	16.35	35.02	25.26	25.25	26.66
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,016	2,690	41	17	4,764
SAME WK YR AGO	4,656(B)		12	44	4,712
AVG WT	26.68(B)		25.00	23.80	26.54
TO-DATE/2001	50,109(B)		416	185	50,710
TO-DATE/2000	49,167(B)		73	399	49,639

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 22 MARCH 2001.

Trade sentiment was mixed on tom drums and ranged from barely steady to fully steady. Inquiry light to fair. Offerings ranged from light and held with confidence to fully adequate. The trade sentiment on the balance of bulk parts ranged from steady to firm with full-cut wings and necks the strongest. Inquiry was fair to good on the balance of bulk parts for the limited offerings with inventories held with confidence. Frozen tom breast meat offerings were light and held with confidence even though lower buyer bids were noted in the West. Domestic trading was slow on all items. Grade A basted 10-12 lb. breasts traded at 107 and 14-16 lb. breasts at 117 cents delivered. Export trading was light and centered on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings. Mixed defatted gizzards traded at 50.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	101.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	152.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.50		92.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	30.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	32.86	37
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	26.49	37
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.83	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		T	24.76	132
NECKS, HEN		T	25.00	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	163.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.50-177.00		176.25	80
THIGH MEAT		T	65.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	65.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		M	114.00	280
TENDERLOINS	130.00		130.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	149.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	153.00	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	62.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		W	16.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-30.00		29.82	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00-37.00		36.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	260
TAILS		W	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	16.35	372
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	65.00	600

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 23 MARCH 2001.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat mixed. Buyer sentiment ranged steady to barely steady while sellers were at least steady. Some buyers noted increased fresh tom breast meat offers this week while a few sellers noted increased inquiry towards the end of the week. The undertone on Grade A 4-8 lb. showed signs of improvement due to better balanced supplies as a result of some inventory clearing transactions. Thigh meat undertone was steady for a light to fair demand. Trade sentiment on mechanically separated turkey (MST) mixed. Some sellers note strength on frozen into export channels while others move fresh into pet foods at 10 cents delivered. Trading centered on moderately heavy volumes of 4-8 lb. breasts for domestic and on tom drums for export, balance light. Fresh wing meat with skin traded at 64 cents delivered domestic. For export: tom necks 28 cents delivered current and hen 2-joint wings 41 cents delivered May.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	101.00	1,000	101.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	140.00		140.00	40	140.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	600	91.97	680
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	31.00	5	31.11	54
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	26	26.44	36
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	32.86	37	32.86	37
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	26.49	37	26.49	37
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	20	29.90	155
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	36.00		36.00	20	36.00	20
NECKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	40	25.05	172
NECKS, HEN		T	25.00	33	25.00	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	162.00		162.00	40	162.50	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00-178.00		175.77	260	175.51	1,060
THIGH MEAT		T	65.00	2	65.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00-64.00		63.60	100	63.89	180
BREAST TRIM MEAT	114.50-116.00		115.25	80	115.25	80
SCAPULA MEAT		M	114.00	280	114.00	280
TENDERLOINS		R	130.00	5	130.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00		148.00	160	148.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	153.00		153.00	40	153.16	223
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	62.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40	16.76	680
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		30.01	608	30.00	1,084
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	36.50	80	36.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	312	28.62	676
TAILS		W	25.00	80	25.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	208	16.95	632
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-65.50		65.36	390	65.03	1,310

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